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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOP OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. DISCUSSED GOP VIEWS OF RECENT ANGOLAN TROUBLES MAY 5 WITH
COL. FERREIRA DA CUNHA, CHIEF OF CABINET TO PRESIDENT COSTA
GOMES.

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2. CUNHA SAID THAT FATALITY FIGURES GIVEN OUT FOR RECENT VIOLENCE UNDERSTATED THE SITUATION. SAID REPORTS REACHING GOP WERE OF AT LEAST 1,000 DEAD.

3. CUNHA PLACED BLAME FOR DISORDERS SQUARELY ON MPLA. SAID AGOSTINHO NETO'S PROBLEM WAS THAT UNITA WAS MOST POPULAR LIBERATION GROUP AND FNLA WAS BEST ORGANIZED AND EQUIPPED. THIS LEFT MPLA IN POOR POSITION, WHICH NETO SOUGHT TO RETRIEVE BY STIRRING UP VIOLENCE. CUNHA SAID GOP'S INFORMATION WAS THAT RACIST ASPECT OF RECENT VIOLENCE WAS ALSO PROVOKED BY MPLA AGITATORS.

4. CHIEF OF CABINET WAS CALM AND FATALISTIC ABOUT ANGOLA'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. SAID THAT ANGOLA WOULD INEVITABLY BECOME ONE-PARTY/ONE-LEADER STATE. INDICATED HE EXPECTED SAVIMBI TO COME OUT ON TOP BECAUSE OF UNITA'S GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT. SAID PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHATEVER GROUP TOOK EVENTUAL LEADERSHIP, AND THAT FUTURE TIES WOULD BE PRIMARILY CULTURAL, LINGUISTIC, AND ECONOMIC.
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